

Remarks

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to claims 68 and 102, these claims have been canceled without prejudice. In fact, claims 18-107 have all been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claim 98 under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph. This claim has been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claims 20, 41, 66, 75, 97, 99, and 103 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

As stated above, these claims have already been canceled without prejudice. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional or continuation applications including these claims at a later date.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-13, and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,048,705.

New claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of former claim 1, claims 6 and 7

and claim 18. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include additional features found in the specification on page 20 seventh paragraph, page 22 second paragraph, page 39 last paragraph, page 49 lines 8-12 and page 29 lines 14-15.

Since claim 18 is not subject to this rejection it is respectfully submitted that the above identified amendment is sufficient to overcome the above rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 5 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of Kucera.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now patentable over Kucera.

For example, the present invention as claimed in claim 1 now claims the step of :

converting the pressing force (f) intended to generate the relative movement into the relative rotating or pivoting movement about the common longitudinal axis by the co-operating threads;

This feature is not shown or disclosed in *Kucera*. *Kucera* does not mention any type of axial pressing force being converted into rotational force. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed in claim 1 is patentable over the above identified reference to *Kucera*.

In addition, among the many reasons that the present invention is patentable over the above mentioned art, *Kucera* also does not disclose the following step:

inserting a sealing surface of the sealing device in the open region of the interior of the housing container;

Kucera does disclose using a rubber sealing ring 14, however this rubber sealing ring is not a sealing surface as claimed in claim 1.

Claims 2-5, 8 and 10-17 remain in the application. These claims depend from claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims are patentable over the above cited reference taken either singularly or in combination. Therefore, early allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

With the invention as claimed in claims 1 and 108, because only a simple longitudinal force is necessary to closed the screwed on cap, there is no need for automatic fitting machines. Now, this design results in the reduction of the cost of the automatic assembly machines because now only a simple longitudinal movement has to be performed by applying force. The rotational movement then occurs because of this force.

Claim 1 now includes the elements of claims 6, 7, 9, and 18. Those claims have been

canceled without prejudice. In addition, claims 19-107 have also been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the applicant reserves the right to file divisional or continuation applications based upon these claims.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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